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Business & Finance

GE's new CEO plans to unveil a road map for the conglomerate that will focus on three of its biggest business lines, but stops short of a more radical restructuring. **A1**

◆ **Uber cleared** the way for a multibillion-dollar investment led by SoftBank, giving the company a powerful ally in its battle against global rivals. **A1**

◆ **The ride-hailing company** has no way to raise drivers' hourly wages, despite fluctuating fare prices, a study found. **B3**

◆ **Brookfield** made a \$14.8 billion offer to acquire the shares of GGP that it doesn't already own. **B1**

◆ **Wal-Mart wants** to charge more for some of its products online than they cost in stores. **B1**

◆ **A rally that** has sent stock indexes around the world to records showed signs of stalling, with the Dow posting its worst week since September. **B1**

◆ **Orbital launched** a civilian cargo capsule into orbit, the second successful flight of the redesigned Antares rocket. **B3**

◆ **Trump's financial** regulatory team is sounding a friendlier tone for banks than its predecessor, which restricted the industry following the 2008 bailouts. **B6**

World-Wide

◆ **Trump said** he had full confidence in the U.S. intelligence agencies and indicated he believed their report that concluded Russia meddled in the 2016 election. **A4**

◆ **After the Texas church shooting**, some congregations are considering whether to protect themselves by bringing firearms into houses of worship. **A3**

◆ **Lebanon's Hariri** said he will return to Beirut within days, after his de-facto exile in Saudi Arabia amid tensions between Riyadh and Iran. **A6**

◆ **White House officials** said they didn't have enough information to judge whether Moore should withdraw from the Senate race over allegations of sexual misconduct. **A4**

◆ **Iraqi forces** wasted no time erasing the legacy of three years of Kurdish rule in Zumar, replacing pictures and defacing murals. **A6**

◆ **A 7.2 magnitude earthquake** jolted the region between Iraq and Iran, killing at least 140. **A6**

◆ **China's Xi** is exhorting state media to do more to portray the nation as a builder of global peace. **A8**

◆ **An election** at the U.S. Catholic bishops conference is seen as a test of support for Pope Francis. **A3**

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On the Seventh Day, a Small-Town Church Became a Monument



REMEMBRANCE: A week after a gunman slaughtered worshipers at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, flowers were placed in a fence outside the church, which reopened Sunday as a memorial to the 26 victims. **A3**

GOP Bets on a Simpler Tax Code

By RICHARD RUBIN

WASHINGTON—As Republicans move forward on their tax bills this week, part of their pitch is that 9 in 10 Americans would ultimately be able to file returns the size of postcards. While the plans don't make tax filing quite that easy, they do mark a step toward a simpler system.

The GOP plans would repeal the alternative minimum tax, a parallel tax system affecting more than four million households. The House bill would consolidate a tangle of tax breaks for higher education. Both plans would remove—temporarily—thorny depreciation rules. Narrow deductions for tax-preparation fees, teachers' out-of-pocket expenses and

moving costs would vanish under the House plan, removing lines from tax forms and pages from Internal Revenue Service publications.

The full House and a Senate committee are each expected to vote this week on the competing plans, as Republicans push to have a tax bill signed into law by year-end. Simplification is part of the

GOP's promise to voters, but for many filers, a simpler tax code without the breaks they use the most could leave them paying more.

Still, "on simplification, it's Please see TAXES page A4

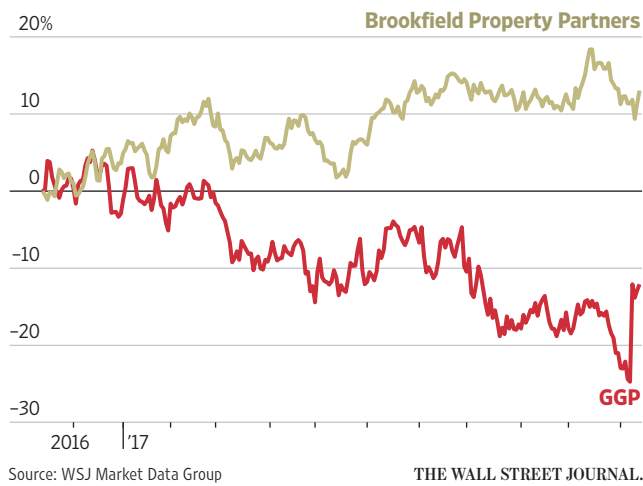
◆ **White House holds back on Senate candidate Moore.... A4**

◆ **The Daily Shot: Tax plans tweak American dream..... B11**

A Mall Owner Goes Shopping

Brookfield Property has made a \$14.8 billion offer to buy the shares of mall owner GGP, formerly General Growth Properties, that it doesn't already own, say people familiar with the matter. **B1**

52-week share performance



Source: WSJ Market Data Group

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China-Made Security Cameras Are Hanging All Over the U.S.

Company with ties to government sparks cybersecurity concerns

The Memphis police use the surveillance cameras to scan the streets for crime. The U.S. Army uses them to monitor a base in Missouri. Consumer models hang in homes and businesses across the country. At one

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point, the cameras kept watch on the U.S. embassy in Kabul.

All the devices were manufactured by a single company, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology. It is 42%-owned by the Chinese government.

Hikvision (pronounced "hike-vision") was

nurtured by Beijing to help keep watch on its 1.4 billion citizens, part of a vast expansion of its domestic-surveillance apparatus. In the process, the little-known company has become the world's largest maker of surveillance cameras. It has sold equipment used to track French airports, an Irish port and sites in Brazil and Iran.

Hikvision's rapid rise, its ties to the Chinese government and a cybersecurity lapse flagged by the Department of Homeland Security have fanned concerns among officials in the U.S. and Italy about the security of Hikvision's devices.

"The fact that it's at a U.S. military installation and was in a very sensitive U.S. embassy

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Uber Ends Board Spat, Sets Up Softbank Deal

By GREG BENSINGER

Uber Technologies Inc. cleared the way for a multibillion-dollar investment led by SoftBank Group Corp. that will transform the corporate structure of the world's most valuable startup and give the ride-hailing company a powerful ally in its battle against global rivals.

The deal, confirmed Sunday by Uber, took shape after former Chief Executive Travis Kalanick and a major investor, Benchmark, reached agreement over control of board seats, including putting on hold a lawsuit against the former chief, according to people familiar with the matter. The two sides appeared to be at an impasse just days ago.

Once completed, the deal will add six directors and introduce voting changes that will effectively limit Mr. Kalanick's power on the board,

the people said. It also brings Uber needed stability after a year of turbulence: The San Francisco-based company is still grappling with the fallout from a former software engineer's charges of sexual harassment, among other scandals that led a group of investors to push out Mr. Kalanick in June.

An investment by SoftBank also represents an early win for new CEO Dara Khosrowshahi. He is working to overhaul Uber's workplace culture while also battling regulators from Brazil to the United Kingdom over proposed rules that would curtail the company's ability to operate.

"It's a pretty great reset for the company," said Bradley Tusk, a political strategist and investor in Uber. "Every-

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◆ **Uber fare changes** found to have no effect on drivers' pay..... B3

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B'ful Bride Seeks H'som Groom: Matchmaking in 125 Characters

India's parents use abbreviation-stuffed newspaper ads to arrange marriages

By ERIC BELLMAN

To find marriage partners for their sons and daughters, parents across India are hoping for an Pless PQ T'tot, preferably W'stld at a PSU.

They're speaking the language of "matrimonials," the abbreviation-stuffed marriage ads that are still a Sunday staple in papers read by hundreds of millions in India, where family elders commonly take the lead in the search for suitable spouses.

The codes are necessary to cram as much enticing information as possible into the

roughly 125-character newspaper ads, which traditionalists insist are the best way to meet serious candidates, as opposed to the ads on countless internet marriage sites.

The websites "are all full of mischievous people," said R.K. Agarwal, who spent years circling newspaper ads with a pen every Sunday to find matches for his son and daughter. He said website ads, which allow for longer descriptions and include photos, can easily be faked, and don't require enough effort to weed out insincere people. "Newspapers

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Matrimonial ads